

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP-19924-2021(O&M)
DATE OF DECISION: 03.11.2021**

Gobind Parkash

.....Petitioner

Versus

Punjabi University, Patiala & Another

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: D.S.Rawat, Advocate for the petitioner.

ALKA SARIN, J. (Oral):

Heard through video conferencing.

The prayer in the present Civil Writ Petition filed by the petitioner under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent No.1 to step up the pay of the petitioner (Senior General Category Employee) at par with his roster point promotee Junior Scheduled Caste Category Employee, by applying the Principle of Catch Up' as laid down by the Supreme Court in the case of "*Ajit Singh & Others Vs. State of Punjab & Others, 1999 (4) RSJ 211 (SC)*."

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that in this regard a legal notice dated 04.07.2021 (Annexure P-8) was also served upon the respondents. However, till date no action/decision has been taken qua the same. Learned counsel for the petitioner further states that he limits his prayer at this stage and he would be satisfied if a direction is

issued to respondent No.1 to take a decision on the legal notice dated 04.07.2021 (Annexure P-8) in a time bound manner.

Since the matter is not being decided on merits, the service on other respondents is dispensed with.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.1 – Registrar, Punjabi University, Patiala - to take a decision on the legal notice dated 04.07.2021 (Annexure P-8) expeditiously, in accordance with law, and in any case within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed off accordingly.

(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE

November 03, 2021
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NOTE: Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking Whether reportable: YES/NO
